

### CARITAS—PROJECT COMPASSION 2025

Dear Parishioners THANK YOU one and all for your generous donations to Caritas. Our Parish raised an amount of \$1640. CARITAS and the Parish appreciate your help in these times of struggle for so many people. May God Bless you and your families abundantly.

### World Day of Prayer for Vocations—11 May 2025

Pope Francis said this on the 62nd World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

“The Church is alive and fruitful when she generates new vocations... Our world looks, often unknowingly for witnesses of hope... Let us never tire, then of asking the Lord for new labourers for his harvest.” Please take a copy of our Prayer for Vocations and let us together ask God’s help for all. Pray also to the Holy Spirit for our future Pope.



### Sacraments for the Children 2025

We invite all Parish families to register and prepare their children for the Sacraments this year. This is for the children who do not attend St Mary’s School. Contact the Parish Office to register on: 54721900.

1st Reconciliation: 4th June at 6.00pm at St Mary’s Church

1st Holy Communion: 10th August at the 10.30am Mass at St Mary’s Church.

### WORSHIP TIMETABLE

#### Saturday



**Reconciliation** Castlemaine **5.15pm**

**Vigil Mass:** Castlemaine **6.00pm**

*Rosary is prayed before Mass*

#### Sunday

**Reconciliation:** Maldon **8.15am**

**Mass:** Maldon **8.30am**

**Mass:** Castlemaine **10.30am**

#### Tuesday

**Mass:** Castlemaine **6.00pm**

#### Wednesday

**Mass:** Castlemaine **9.15am**

*Rosary is prayed after Mass*

#### Thursday

**Rosary before Mass**

**Mass:** Maldon **11.00am.**

#### Friday

**Mass:** Castlemaine **9.15am**

*Followed by Adoration.*

### Second Sunday of the Month

**Mass:** Newstead **6.00pm**

### Fourth Sunday of the Month

**Mass:** Sandon **6.00pm**

### CONTACT DETAILS

#### Parish Priest

**Rev Wahid Riad PP**

Phone: (03) 5472 1900

Mobile: 0419 511 064

#### St Mary’s

Primary School

Principal: Anushka Vaz

Phone: (03) 5472 2270

#### Parish Secretary

**Eva Jansen**

10 am to 4pm - Tuesday to Thursday

Phone: (03) 5472 1900/0413940216

#### Baptisms, Marriages

Pastoral Care of the Sick

For details regarding the celebration of these sacraments, please contact the Parish Priest.

#### St Brigid’s Hall

Bookings for St. Brigid’s Hall through

**Elaine Lacey** on:- 0448 009 945.

#### St Mary’s Hall

Bookings for St. Mary’s Hall through

**Parish Office** on: 5472 1900

## CATHOLIC PARISH OF CASTLEMAINE



- HOLY NAME OF MARY, CASTLEMAINE • ST BRIGID’S, MALDON
- ST ANNE’S, NEWSTEAD • ST LAURENCE’S SANDON

**11th May 2025**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter —Year C**

**Presbytery:** 76 Hargraves Street / PO Box 151, Castlemaine 3450

**Parish Priest:** Rev Fr. Wahid Riad **Web:** [www.stmaryscastlemaine.org.au](http://www.stmaryscastlemaine.org.au)

**Ph:** (03) 5472 1900

**Email:** [castlemaine@cam.org.au](mailto:castlemaine@cam.org.au)

*We are proud to acknowledge the Dja Dja Wurrung people  
as the traditional owners of this land.*

### 4th Sunday of Easter—11th May

Acts 13:14,43-52

Revelation 7:9,14-17

John 10:27-30

### 5th Sunday of Easter—18th May

Acts 14:21-27

Revelation 21:1-5

John 13:31-35

### Responsorial Psalm

**We are all his people, the sheep of his flock.**

### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.  
Alleluia!**

### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

*“The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.” (Acts 13:52)*

The disciples heard Our Lord’s call and were able to spread the Gospel message with strength and vitality. We, too, can experience that same joy if we make room for the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts. When we use our gifts in the way that God intends, Jesus fills his Stewards with supernatural joy. A joy that others notice and are attracted to!

**RCIA** stands for Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults.

We congratulate all those who were baptized and received into the Catholic Church at our Easter Vigil. We welcome you all to our Parish community and pray that you will continue to grow in your faith journey. We invite others who are searching and seeking God and his Catholic Church to join us on the journey as we meet every Thursday Night at 7.00pm in the Buckley Room. All Welcome.

**The Catholic Parish of Castlemaine is committed to the safety, wellbeing and  
dignity of all children and the vulnerable.**

### Vibrant Parish Formation Series 2025

How can we deepen our prayer life? How does hospitality transform guest and host? How do we bridge the gap between parishes and schools? Our parishes are called to be life-giving 'communities of grace', fostering holiness and discipleship while joyfully sharing the love of Jesus Christ with all. International and local speakers, and workshop presenters, will inspire and equip participants to create a vibrant parish. This new formation series will be held over five sessions (6.30pm - 9pm) in two locations:

Tuesdays in Wheelers Hill: 13 May, 10 June, 1 July, 12 Aug, 9 Sept

Wednesdays (Repeat) in Sunshine: 14 May, 11 June, 2 July, 13 Aug, 10 Sept

Sessions are subsidised by the parish. If interested in attending (or for more information on speakers etc) please send an email to [stmaryspastoral@hotmail.com](mailto:stmaryspastoral@hotmail.com)

### Happy Mothers Day!

We wish all Mother's a most wonderful Mother's Day. Thank you for your love and care for us. We love you and honour you especially on this day. We ask God to Bless you all and keep you. Today we also honour our Blessed Mother Mary, the Mother of God and our dear mother. We thank God for giving us Mary to love and care for all of us. Happy Mothers' Day to you all



### Parish Finance Council

Our Next Meeting will be on Wednesday 21st May at 1.00pm in the Presbytery.

### Parish Pastoral Council

Our Next meeting will be on Wednesday 14th May at 7.00pm in the Presbytery.

### (THIS WEEKEND ) Catholic Care Appeal—11th May 2025

CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal—collection will take place on 11th May 25. You can donate using the appeal envelope available in our parish, donate online at [www.catholiccarevic.org.au](http://www.catholiccarevic.org.au) or call (03) 9967 2515.

### MASS COUNTS over 4 Weekends in MAY

Mass attendance counts will be taken at all our Churches over the weekends of 10&11 May, 17&18 May and 24&25 May. Volunteers needed to assist with this please.

### Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible

We have begun the journey of Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible. This series will be held every Wednesday evening at 6.30pm in the Buckley Room. If you would like to join this journey of eight 1 hour sessions, and would like to know more please leave your details on the registration sheets in the Church or call Eva on 0413940216. or leave a message at the presbytery by calling 54721900.

### MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

#### **Recent Deaths:**

**Anniversary:** Kathleen Gleeson

Let us pray for all those who are sick and suffering serious illness, and for their families and loved ones who care for them.



### LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

#### 10th May and 11th May

6.00pm Saturday—Castlemaine

Reader: Bernadette

Ext Min Com: Chris T & Volunteer

Sacristan: Marie

8.30am Sunday - Maldon - St Brigid's

Reader: Joannie Tolley

Ext Min Com: Beth Price

10.30am Sunday—Castlemaine

Reader: Tindi

Ext Min Com: Betty & Victor

Sacristan: Betty

#### Ministers for Next Week

#### 17th May and 18th May

6.00pm Saturday—Castlemaine

Reader: David Britton

Ext Min Com: Bernadette & Vin

Sacristan: David

10.30am Sunday—Castlemaine

Reader: Victor

Ext Min Com: Christine & Julie

Sacristan: Christine

#### Linen Roster

May: Julie Farrell

#### ONLINE GIVING

To contribute to our Thanksgiving by Direct Debit, our Catholic Development Fund account details are as follows:

#### CHURCH

BSB 083-347

Account No. 636 421 759

Acc. Name Castlemaine Parish  
Church Account

#### PRESBYTERY

BSB 083-347

Account No. 635 910 163

Acc. Name Castlemaine Parish  
Presbytery Account

### PARISH DIARY

#### ▪ Tuesday 13th May

4.15pm Legion of Mary—Buckley Room

6.00pm St Mary's Mass

#### ▪ Wednesday 14h May

9.15am St Mary's Mass and Rosary

7.00pm Bible Study in Buckley Room

#### ▪ Thursday 15th May

10.30am St Brigid's Maldon—Rosary

11.00am St Brigid's Maldon—Mass

7.00pm—RCIA in Buckley Room

#### ▪ Friday 16th May

9.15am Mass & Adoration at St Mary's

#### Monthly Working Bee at St Mary's

We need your help in keeping St Mary's Parish complex looking beautiful and tidy. We plan to have a monthly Working Bee on the 1st Saturday of the Month after the Rosary at the Grotto from 11.00am - 1.00pm. Please bring any tools of the trade with you. Many Thanks in anticipation. We finish with refreshments in the Buckley Room.

#### Statue of Our Lady of Fatima

Our Lady of Fatima is available to visit your home! If you would like to have her with you for two weeks, please contact Sebastian on 0439 847 894

#### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Please remember to leave your donation for SVDP in the basket provided in the church. Thank you and God Bless!



#### THANKSGIVING

Thank you for your generous Offerings and every blessing for your Contribution.

**Please put your surname and number on the envelope as a reference. This will help us keep our records up to date! Many Thanks.**

1st Collection:

Presbytery: \$1125

Target: \$1000

2nd Collection

Parish: \$1377

Weekly Target \$2000